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SO WE WERE HIKING TO THIS
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BOWL OF CAP'N CRUNCH!!



WHEN WE CAME TO THIS
WEIRD LOOKING BRIDGE!

THEN THE CAP'N DROPPED IN AND YELLED
"JUST THINK OF WHAT YOU WANT AND
GO FOR IT!"



THE THOUGHT OF THAT
SWEET DELICIOUS
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OVER THAT BRIDGE!

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RECENT EVENTS ARE LIKE A SERIES OF PHOTOS IN MY MIND. FIRST, THE **KNOTHOLE COUNCIL** REJECTS MY PROPOSAL TO LET MYSELF BE **ROBOTICIZED**...



... SO I WENT TO THE GYM TO BLOW OFF SOME STEAM--WHEN I WAS **AMBUSHED** BY NACK THE WEASEL!



NACK TURNED ME OVER TO **NO ROBOTNIK**--



--HE TURNED ON HIS **ROBOTICIZER**--

UNABLE TO RESIST, I WREAKED HAVOC UPON MY FORMER ALLIES, DESTROYING MOST OF **KNOTHOLE VILLAGE**!



--AND TURNED ME INTO **MECHA-SONIC**!



IN A BOLD AND DESPERATE MOVE, SALLY HAD **KNUX** ROBOTICIZED, CREATING: **MECHA-KNUCKLES**!



THIS WAS AN **EPIC BATTLE**!

*A RECAP OF LAST ISSUE'S "RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE."- JFG

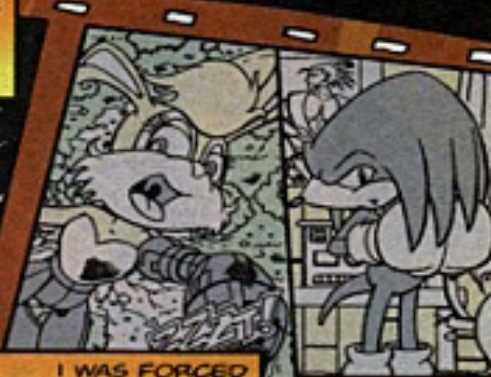
"YOU SAW IT IN **MECHA MADNESS SPECIAL** #1- JFG2

IT ENDED UGLY, WITH BOTH OF US CRASHING INTO **ROBOTROPOLIS**, SETTING OFF A STOCKPILE OF **NUCLEAR BOMBS**!



AFTERWARD, MY ENCHANTED "MAGIC RING" #1,000,000,000 RESTORED MY TRUE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL SELF.

I WAS FORCED TO FIGHT **BUNNIE RABBIT**



AND MY FRIENDLY NEMESIS, **KNUCKLES**!



... TROUBLE IS EVERYBODY THINKS I DISOBEYED THE COUNCIL A **MUTINOUS ACT**!



THEY PUT ME HERE...
... IN THIS JAILHOUSE!

... **ME!**...



COMMANDER? HA! YOU'RE ONLY IN CHARGE BECAUSE EVERYONE IMPORTANT IS HELPING TO REBUILD KNOTHOLE! I AGREED TO DO THIS SALLY'S WAY AND NOT TRY TO ESCAPE...YOU'RE JUST A BABY-SITTER!

QUIET!

I HAVE ZEE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF ALL...

PLANNING ZEE PARADE HONORING MY CORONATION EEF YOU'LL EXCUSE-MOI, I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WEETH ZEE CATERER!

SLAP!

The Perfect Party
by Martha Shrewart

SHEESH! JUST WHEN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE EXPOSED AND VULNERABLE TO ATTACK BY ROBOTNIK, "COMMANDER" ANTOINE IS PICKING OUT TABLE SETTINGS!

I SHOULD BE OUT THERE HELPING, BUT I'M STUCK HERE...LIKE A VILLAIN!

SONIC IS NO VILLAIN! SALLY SHOULD BE CHILLIN'! SONIC IS NO VILLAIN! SALLY SHOULD BE CHILLIN'!

HUH?

ERT!

WELL, WOTTAYA KNOW? IT'S MY BEST PEN PAL AND BIGGEST FAN, AMY ROSE! *THAT FEISTY LITTLE HEDGEHOG IS STILL ON MY SIDE!

ONE-TWO-THREE FOUR! OPEN UP THE JAILHOUSE DOOR!

FREE SONIC!

Whew! H'LO, SALLY...

ROTOR...

* REMEMBER HER FROM SONIC #25-- FRED





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AND I WEEL
PROSECUTE!

HEY! I
RECOGNIZE
YOU TWO FROM
MY SPINBALL
ADVENTURE!*

*ONLY TRUE BLUE SONIC FANS REMEMBER
HIP & HOP FROM ISSUE #6 - *Freddy*

THERE'S NO CONFLICT
OF INTEREST...YOU
WON'T GET SPECIAL
TREATMENT!

BESIDES, WE DON'T
PRONOUNCE SENTENCE
--IN THIS CASE,
THERE'S ONLY ONE
PUNISHMENT...

...BANISHMENT!

ALL RIGHT, ALREADY! IF
YOU DON'T DECIDE MY FATE,
WHERE'S THE BIG CHEESE
WHO DOES?





'TWAN, YOU WERE ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE JAILHOUSE--YET YOU FAILED TO NOTICE THAT THE CELL NEXT TO MINE WAS EMPTY!

THIS FELON SHOULD'VE BEEN IN THERE--NACK THE WEASEL! THE GUY WHO I CLAIM KAYOED ME!

BUT YOU WERE TOO BUSY TO NOTICE HE'S MISSING--





THE "FIND YOUR NAME IN PRINT PAGE"



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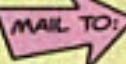


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HAS BEEN SPOTTED
ON THE EDGE OF THE
BADLAND MOUNTAINS.

IN

COURT-MARTIAL PART III

SO HE IS ALIVE... AND BACK
TO NORMAL! WHAT'S HE DOING
UP IN THAT DESERTED---tsk! IS THIS
REMOTE CAM MONITOR THE ONLY
THING THAT WORKS AROUND HERE?

EVER SINCE THOSE
BOMBS WENT OFF IN
ROBOTROPOLIS* MY SUPER
COMPUTERS HAVE BEEN
OFF-LINE!

CURSES! IT WAS ALL WORKING OUT SO
WELL! MECHA-SONIC WAS MY SLAVE...

I MUST GIVE THE LITTLE PRINCESS
CREDIT...ROBOTICIZING KNUCKLES WAS
A BRILLIANT TACTICAL MOVE*...ONE
SHE'LL SOON PAY FOR!

* FINAL OFFER: IF YOU MISSED THE "MECHA-BRAWL,"
USE THE COUPONS FOUND IN THIS ISSUE - Freddy

MY ENTIRE SWATBOT FLEET IS WORKING ROUND THE CLOCK REBUILDING MY SOOTY CITY! THEY'VE ALREADY HASTILY ASSEMBLED AND HOT-WIRED A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT!



AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING! SOON, PLANET *MOBIUS* WILL QUIVER BENEATH MY ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION!*



*MORE ON THAT COMING SOON-- JFG

WELL, IF THE COMPUTER WON'T TRIANGULATE HIS POSITION, I'LL DO IT MANUALLY... Hmmm-- DO YOU SEE WHAT I DO, ORBINAUT?



YES, MY LORD OF LARD...

chuckle NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT HEDGEHOG ANYMORE IF HE GOES THERE! HE'LL NEVER SURVIVE...



... THE ROBO HOBO JUNGLE! SUPPOSEDLY, THIS IS WHERE ALL OF ROBOTNIK'S USED AND OBSOLETE 'DROIDS END UP! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A PRETTY TOUGH CROWD...



WELL, ALL THEY'VE GOTTA DO
IS GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION
AND NO ONE GETS HURT...



urg!

WHAM!

I BEG TO DIFFER...
SOMEONE'S GETTING
HURT... YOU!



LOOK WHO'S HERE... THE
FIRST ROBOTNIK-KNACK I
EVER ENCOUNTERED.*

CATERKILLER

HOW NICE TO BE REMEMBERED... BUT SOON
I'LL BE FAMOUS AS THE BADNIK WHO TOOK
YOU OUT!



*ALL THE WAY BACK IN SONIC LTD. SERIES #0 - Fred

SORRY, BUT I NEVER
DATE ANYONE FROM
WORK... I HOPE THIS
REJECTION DOESN'T
MAKE YOU GO TO
PIECES!



A SONIC SPIN--
SEGMENTING ME!

YOU RECALL ME,
DON'T YOU?



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HE'S ALL YOURS,
MOTO-BUG!

THANKS FOR DROPPING
IN, SONIC... I NEVER DID
GET A GOOD SHOT AT YOU
IN THE OLD DAYS...

...AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT MY
RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS WOULD
MAKE QUITE AN IMPRESSION ON YOU!

THUD!

urgh!

YOU'RE HISTORY,
HEDGE-HUH?

LUNGE!

K-CHUNK!

WHERE'D
HE GO?

THE HOG IS FASTER
THAN THE EYE,
TEE-BALL!

--OR IS IT
FOOT-BALL!

PUNT!

IT'S UP...
AND IT'S
GOOD!

BUT I'M BAD! YOU'RE GOIN' DOWN
COURTESY OF SPLATS! GET HIM, BOYS!

FTUMP!

snarl!

oof!

SNAP!
SNAP!

BONUS
PIN-UP PAGE!
SONIC
VERSUS THE
CLASSIC
BADNIKS!







*LAST USED TO BATTLE HYPER KNUCKLES IN SONIC VS. KNUX SPECIAL #1 - Fred



OF COURSE, THEY'RE ON STICKS!
MY HANDS ARE DOWN HERE,
HOLDING MY GAS GUN!

ghack!



N-NUH-NO...
NUH-NOT
A-AGAIN...

HAW! I'M JUST
TOO SMART
FOR YA,
BLUEBOY!



ook?

THE GORILLA'S COMING TO...
AND HE'LL TAKE CARE OF SONIC...
BUT JUST IN CASE, I'M BLOWIN'
THIS POPSTAND--ON MY ION-
POWERED SKY SLED!



AND JUST TO MAKE
DOUBLE SURE, I'LL GIVE
OLD BLUBBERBOLTS
A CALL...

NUMBER
PLEASE...



INCAPACITATED?
IS THAT WHAT
YOU SAID?

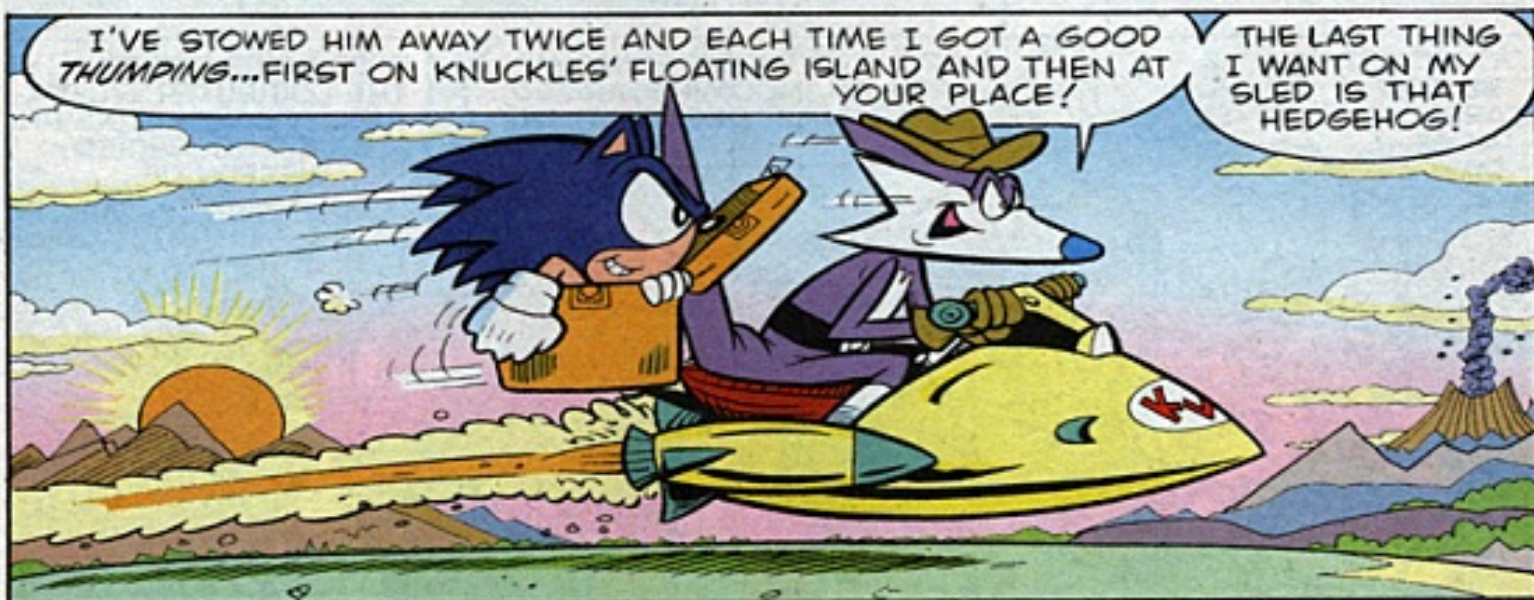
YES, SIRE! A
MESSAGE IS
COMING IN ON
THIS OLD HAND-
HELD UNIT!

HELLO,
CHUBSY
UBSY!

TOXIC
DUMP
PLANS

I KNOW THAT VOICE...
NACK THE WEASEL! WHAT
ARE YOU UP TO? NO
GOOD, I ASSUME!

THIS IS A ONE-
TIME-ONLY *SUNRISE*
SPECIAL, BIG BOY! TWO
MILLION SMACKERS FOR
THE LOCATION OF
UNCONSCIOUS
SONIC!



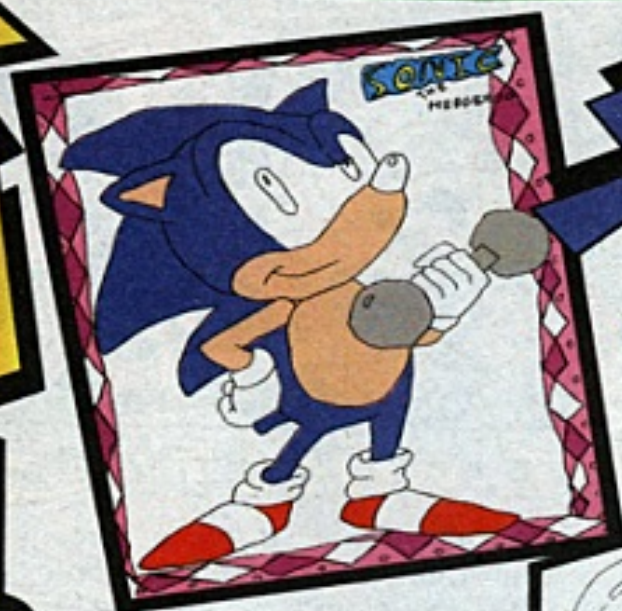


CHUKA DOOM!





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Age 9



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Age 8



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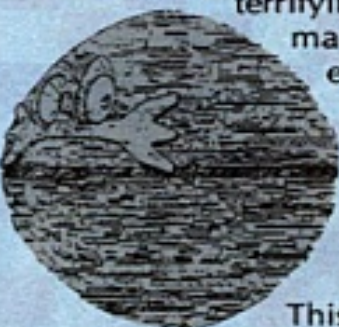


THE QUEST!

Justin Freddy Gabriele
Editor

SonicQuest, that is! It's a three-issue mini-series that follows the events in Sonic #41. This issue marks the return of Geoffrey St. John since Sonic #31. St. John joins Princess Sally and Sonic into the Zone of Silence to save the king once and for all. On sale September 1996! Get it? Got it. Good!

And now on to— huh, you want more information on SonicQuest? Well, let's see... story by Mecha Madness writer Mike Gallagher, beautifully penciled by Manny Galan with exceptional inks by Jay Oliveras! Also, covers by Spaz/Harvo and Heroic Age!



Sonic and Tails go at it alone against Robotnik's most terrifying weapon to date. A doomsday machine that could roboticize the entire planet with just the push of a button. Straight out of the video-game screens of Sonic 2, 3 and Sonic & Knuckles — the most requested weapon by you the fans... the Death Egg!

This is one Sonic series you wouldn't want to miss!

Freddy

P.S: Want to know what web-surfers think of Sonic and his buds? Well, now you can. Starting with this issue, Sonic-Grams will feature "Notes from the Net," showcasing a letter from the internet every other month. Cool!

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Dear Sonic
and Freedom Fighters,

I like your comic books, your video games, and almost anything else about you. Would you tell Spaz that I think that the comic book covers that he does are cool? Also I have a ton of questions to ask you: 1) Will Uncle Chuck and Muttski ever get turned back into Mobians? 2) Where is the planet Mobius? 3) Would you please put a map of Mobius in one of your comic books? 4) In the Tails' mini-series, can Tails really turn into Fox-Man, or is he just pretending that he can? 5) Will there ever be a Sonic the Hedgehog movie (or movies hopefully)? 6) Are you going to make reprints of the Sonic mini-series #1 & #2? 7) Why can I only find your comic books in two different stores?

Jon Ritts (Age 11)
Westerville, OH

Hey Jon. These are the answers:
1) Only time will tell. 2) In space somewhere. 3) Well ok, maybe in a future issue... as long as you promise not to use it for evil means. 4) He's just pretending. 5) I'm crossing my fingers. 6) It's possible. 7) If you're having trouble finding your favorite Sonic comics, you can always subscribe to it and get it delivered to your house. How's that for service?

Dear Sonic,

I wrote a poem for you so here it is:

Sonic's my fave,
because he's so brave.
He'll never lose,
with those red shoes.
Though he may get sick,
fighting Dr. Robotnik.
He never wails,

'cause he's got a pal named
Tails.

No one will exceed,
against Sonic's speed.
And he's the best,
because he shreds the rest.

Christopher Sehle (Age 11)
Inman, SC



Hey, Sonic crew,

Fab job on what you've done with the Blue Blur lately! I've really enjoyed the last few issues, as well as what I've read in the new Knuckles mini-series. My favorite character is Sally (particularly the way Spaz draws her) and I'd like to see a second mini-series some time. In the meantime, the Knuckles storyline is shaping up to be a very good one. Sonic's friendly nemesis is quite an intriguing character, and I'm enjoying how he's having to finally learn to use his head instead of just his fists. One complaint tho': Mike Gallagher should keep the puns down to every other page instead of every other panel.

If there are any other readers on the Net, I'd like to encourage you to check out my page, and also Bookshire's (<http://rat.org/bookshire/>). You can find Sonic stories on both... I recommend Dan Drazen's. Well until Knuckles gets a flat top, I remain sincerely yours,

Thad "X" Boyd
(http://pages.prodigy.com/Thad_X_Boyd/)

Thanks for the praise, Thad "X"! So that's it for this month. Sonic here, speeding off into the sunset. Later!

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